

## HOME HINTS AND HELPS.

—Banish red ants by keeping a small bag of sulphur in places they frequent.

—A teaspoonful of salt dissolved in one-half glassful of water is excellent to slay nausea in sick headaches.

—For halting pop-corn, make a boiling-soup with three tablespoonfuls of water to a cupful of white sugar. Stir the pop-corn into this, and when partly cooled pour into balls and roll them in pulverized sugar. Pop-corn balls are sometimes made of molasses taffy.—N. Y. World.

—To make choice coconut caramels, that will melt in your mouth and rival the products of the highest-priced confectionery, take three pounds of white sugar, one pint of milk, one tablespoonful of butter, one grated coconut, two teaspoonfuls of extract of lemon. Roll slowly until stiff, then pour in buttered pans and mark in squares.

—To Fry Chicken or Rabbit: Cook till nearly done in salted water. Have some grease hot in which to fry the meat when taken from the water. Keep a lid over the meat while frying. When done pour the water or liquor in with the meat; now make a paste of milk and flour and stir in for the gravy. Use pepper and salt to taste. It is good enough to set before the King.

—Winter Salad: Bake one Spanish onion and one large or two medium-sized beets, slice them and cut the slices in two twice. Cut up three stalks of celery quite fine, and mix with it a tablespoonful of minced herbs. Mix all together and set in a cool place until time to serve, then sprinkle with salt and pepper, pour over one tablespoonful of butter and three of vinegar.—Prairie Farmer.

—To preserve a sealy or cracked painting, clean the picture very carefully with pure, soft water and pour over, or gently apply, a mixture of equal parts of methylated chloroform and linseed oil. Allow it to remain a day or two; then carefully wipe off the excess of oil, and apply more of the fresh mixture, wiping it off as before. Repeat the process until the colors become fixed and the painting becomes flexible, when it may be cleaned and varnished.—Detroit Free Press.

—Quaint Pin-Cushions.—I saw, not long since, an attractive pin-cushion made of the largest-sized baby's boots. Make tops to fit each shoe of silk or satin and fasten securely in the top of the boot. Put a little sheet lead in the bottoms of the boots so that they will not be easily overturned. Stuff them with sawdust or bran. Run a cord in the hem of the silk in the top of the shoe and tie the tightly with a bow, and attach a small silk tassel to each end of the cord. The little chamois-skin shoes are pretty for this, and the more elaborately they are made, the prettier the pin-cushion will be.—Prairie Farmer.

## Needle Book and Emery Ball.

Take an old wedding card, one of the kind that folds through the center like a book, or a piece of card-board about three by four inches when folded and closed. Cover inside and out with silk or satin, using contrasting colors if desired, as blue with old gold or pink with white. A cord of embroidery silk is put around the edges, and two pinked leaves of white fannel are fastened at the center to the foundation. Suspend by narrow ribbon passed between the leaves and tied in a bow at the ends. The word "Needles" should be outlined on the outside. An emery ball to accompany the needle book is made of a circular piece of the silk five or six inches in diameter, fringed at the edges and drawn up with linen thread. Fill with emery powder, to which a little sachet powder may be added. Tie with the narrow ribbon, leaving the ends long enough to suspend with the needle book. Added to these is a bag of the silk three and a half inches long by two and a half inches wide when finished, to hold a paper of needles or a thimble. Make a shirring about an inch from the top, through which pass the narrow ribbon to draw it up. Have the ribbons of different length, with that of the needle book longest. It makes a very pretty cluster to hang near the workbasket.—American Agriculturist.

## A Handsome Hat-Rack

is an expensive piece of furniture, and if one's hall is small, is quite apt to be in the way. A very ornamental hanging hat-rack may be made at home at small expense. You will need a little help from a carpenter. Procure a smooth board about twenty-one inches square and cut out a piece in the center the size of the glass you are to use. Bore the edges and paint it with any stain preferred, cherry, mahogany or walnut are all pretty. When thoroughly dry, fasten the mirror behind the opening. A cheap mirror may be used for this purpose and taken from the frame. Screw a long brass hook into each of the four corners of the frame and hang your rack corner-wise or diamond shape.—The House.

## How to Make Your Hat Pretty.

If any of your hats are not quite to your taste as regards becomingness or style, don't abandon them or even worry any longer. Simply purchase the largest red rose with the largest stem possible and a single bunch of green leaves and stick straight up on the back of your hat. As you come down the avenue on a windy day it will look like a revolving lamp in a lighthouse, but your head gear will be according to the latest whim in millinery.—N. Y. World.

## The Constituents of Brass.

Brass is, perhaps, the best known and most useful alloy. It is formed by fusing together copper and zinc. Different proportions of these metals produce brasses possessing very marked distinctive properties. The portions of the different ingredients are seldom precisely alike; these depend upon the requirements of various uses for which the alloys are intended. Peculiar qualities of the constituent metals also exercise considerable influence on the results.—Scientific American.

## FOREIGN ARMY NOTES

The British canton system has been adopted in the barracks of Germany, with a view to keeping the soldiers away from the liquor shops.

The army of the pope for 1891 is made up as follows: Two generals, two colonels, a major, two captains and four lieutenants and sixty men. This number includes the famous Swiss legion.

The Canadian militia department has decided to increase the capacity of the cartridge factory at Quebec, so that the Martini-Henry ammunition for Canadian use can be manufactured there.

In COMPTON, who had been charged by the Belgian government to examine the sanitary institutions of Germany, states in his report that the annual army death rate is in Germany, 3.97; in Belgium, 4.07; in France, 6, and in Austria-Hungary, 6.94 per cent.

Turkish soldiers are very poor marksmen. Recent target contests in the Turkish army demonstrated the fact that not one soldier in twenty could hit a man at twenty paces. A target about four feet in diameter, placed thirty rods away, was hit on an average only once out of thirty shots.

Every French soldier will receive shortly from the ministry of war a package containing antiseptic cotton, bandages and two safety needles. He will carry the package with him into battle, so that if wounded the materials for dressing his injuries will be at hand for the field surgeon.

URUGUAY has reduced her standing army to one-fourth its former strength. Before New Year's the Uruguayan troops consisted of two infantry regiments of one thousand each and one artillery and one cavalry regiment of one thousand each. The artillery and cavalry have been abolished, and each of the infantry regiments has been cut down to five hundred men.

## PICKINGS FROM SCIENCE.

It has been found, says the Evening Post, by careful experiments on plants grown in a confined atmosphere that they abstracted nitrogen from the air around them to the extent of thirty cubic centimeters.

A microscopic lens has been made in Germany that will reveal the presence of an object 1-800th of a millimeter in diameter. The glass used in its construction is given the peculiar virtue by combining with it phosphoric and boracic acid.

Is the Chemical News A. P. Smith bases his opinion that the violet flame produced by common salt in a coal fire is due to the chlorine on the evidence of the spectrum of the flame, and maintains that it is not due to copper, as previously suggested.

U. E. VAN DEMAN, pomologist to the United States agricultural department, declares that there are in the southern parts of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas millions of acres which can be made to produce as good dates as those grown in Arabia and Persia.

A GERMAN physician proposes that the manufacturers of preserved meats should be compelled to stamp their cans with a legible date mark. For a year or so, he says, canned meats may remain perfectly wholesome, but after that it deteriorates in a way defying alike precaution and explanation.

PROF. MOLLER, of Karlsruhe, has made a series of observations on the height of clouds, and finds that cirrus and cirro-stratus clouds have an average height of thirty thousand feet, while cumulus clouds range from four thousand to five thousand feet at their lower surfaces; to sixteen thousand feet at their upper surfaces.

## MANY USES FOR SALT.

For weak eyes, a wash of weak salt and water will prove of much benefit.

SALT and water, quite strong, and used persistently for a time, will prevent the hair from falling out.

A TEASPOONFUL of salt dissolved in one-half glassful of water is excellent to allay nausea in sick-headaches.

To relieve heart-burn drink a half-tumblerful of cold water in which has been dissolved a tablespoonful of salt.

SALT as a tooth-powder is better than almost any other dentifrice. It keeps the teeth very white, the gums hard and rosy, and breath fresh.

If the throat is very sore, wring a cloth out of cold salt and water, and bind it on the throat tightly when going to bed; cover it with a dry towel. This is excellent.

## THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 7, 1891.			
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 50	5 00	
COTTON—Middling	11 15	11 25	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 15	1 16	
COYNS—No. 2	67	68	
COYNS—No. 2 Mixed	64	65	
PORK—New York	10 50	11 25	
ST. LOUIS.			
COTTON—Middling	11 15	11 25	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 15	1 16	
COYNS—No. 2	67	68	
COYNS—No. 2 Mixed	64	65	
PORK—New York	10 50	11 25	
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Shipping	8 50	9 25	
HOGS—Good to Choice	4 25	4 35	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 15	1 16	
COYNS—No. 2	67	68	
COYNS—No. 2 Mixed	64	65	
PORK—New York	10 50	11 25	
KANSAS CITY.			
CATTLE—Shipping	8 50	9 25	
HOGS—Good to Choice	4 25	4 35	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 15	1 16	
COYNS—No. 2	67	68	
COYNS—No. 2 Mixed	64	65	
PORK—New York	10 50	11 25	
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## A Man with a Pet Whale.

On a small island in the middle of the South Pacific lives a planter, the only white man on the island—which is full of brown-skinned folk—who cuts and dries the meat of coconut, which he sells to trading vessels. When any stranger stops at his island he gives him of the best of the island affords. He will get up great concerts and dances of the islanders; above all he will take them out to see his pet, which is perhaps, the largest and oldest animal that was ever petted by any man. This pet is a sperm whale nearly seventy feet long. He came through the narrow entrance into the little harbor, which is walled in by a coral reef, when quite small, and remained until he had grown so large that he could not get out if he wanted to. The great creature comes up to be fed when the planter blows his horn, and after his meal of a barrel of chopped meat or fish performs some wondrous and amusing tricks, apparently knowing what is expected of him.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

THE FAULTS and Follies of the Age are numerous, but of the latter none are more ridiculous than the promiscuous and random use of laxative pills and other drastic cathartics. These wrench, convulse and weaken both the stomach and the bowels. If Hostetter's Stomach Bitters be used instead of these no remedies, the result is accomplished without pain and with great benefit to the bowels, the stomach and the liver. Use this remedy when constipation manifests itself, and thereby prevent it from becoming chronic.

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THE grocery dealer knows better than to sell his wares by cracking them up.—Binghamton Republican.

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It is better for a young man to have his trousers bag at the knees than to have his brains bag at the ears.—Boston Traveller.

Any article that has outlived 24 years of competition and imitation, and sells more and more each year, must have merit. Dobbin's Electric Soap first made in 1865 is just that article. Ask your grocer for it. He has it, or will get it.

THE front stairs of a club-house are generally to be found at the windows.—Boston Commercial.

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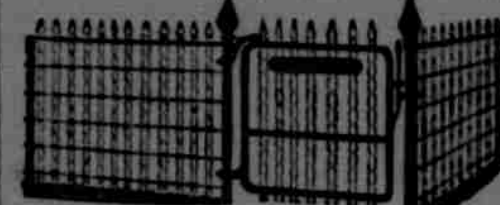
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